

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment was necessitated by the action mailed January 7, 2008 advising Applicant that the Amendment document filed by Application on October 18, 2007 was non-compliant because amended Claim 14 included the status identifier "Previously Presented" which was in conflict with the underlined, bracketed and struck through text of the claim which indicated a status of "Currently Amended". That status identifier of Claim 14 has been corrected herein. For the convenience of the Examiner, we have set forth in the following paragraphs the remarks that were included in our last Amendment of October 18, 2007.

Claims 1-33 were rejected in a Final Office Action over the cited art. Believing the subject matter of the present application to be patentable over that art, Applicant has filed this Request for Continued Examination and the present Amendment. By this Amendment, the rejected claims were amended and new Claims 34-36 added. It is respectfully submitted that each of these claims recite patentable subject matter over the art of record. The cited references fail to teach or suggest "a plurality of receiving containers configured to receive the plurality of coin receiving tubes, each of the plurality of receiving containers being provided at a lower side with a sliding projection and wherein each of the plurality of receiving containers includes a plurality of coin receiving tubes of the same size."

The cited references fail to teach or suggest "a sliding member provided with a plurality of sliding grooves engaged with the sliding projection so that the plurality of receiving containers can be individually inserted and withdrawn."

The cited references fail to teach or suggest "a second sensor including two sensor elements arranged in the sliding member to transmit signals to each other to detect a state variation and configured to detect whether the coin receiving tube is positioned on a first location or a second location for appropriately receiving the coins by sensing a displacement of the receiving container."

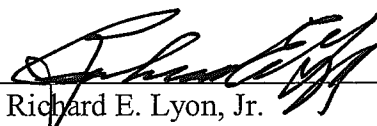
Also, the cited references fail to teach or suggest "wherein if the coin receiving tube is positioned on the first location or the second location, the microcomputer controls the coin sorting member to sort coins, wherein if the coin receiving tube is positioned on the third location, the microcomputer controls the coin sorting member to stop sorting coins, and wherein when the receiving container moves on the sliding member, the coin receiving tube is positioned on the first location, the second location and the third location."

As these and similar distinctions over the prior art are set forth in the claims, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims now pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and should therefore be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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